

**Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes**

May 23, 2002
4:00 P.M.

Monday Afternoon Club
Willows, Ca

County	Public Interest	Landowner	Agency
Butte	Jane Dolan	Shirley Lewis	
Colusa	David Womble	Ben Carter	
Glenn	Denny Bungarz	Don Anderson	
Shasta	Glenn Hawes	(Dan Gover)	
Sutter	Dan Silva	Russell Young	
Tehama	Bill Borrer	(Brendon Flynn)	
Yolo	Lynnel Pollock	(Marc Faye)	
Resources Agency			Mel Dodgin
Cal DWR		(Dwight Russell)	Stacy Cepello
Cal DFG			Diana Jacobs
State Reclamation Board			Pete Rabbon
USF&WS			Marie Sullivan
US COE			Mark Charlton
Bureau of Reclamation			Laura Allen

Names listed in parentheses represent absences

Also present an estimated audience of 20

Manager Burt Bundy

Assistant Pat Brown, Recording Secretary

The Resources Agency

Tim Ramirez

1. **Public Participation, Unscheduled Matters:** There were no comments from those in the audience.
2. **Consent Calendar** – Dan Silva moved, seconded by Glenn Hawes to adopt the April 25th 2002 minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
3. **Agency Reports** –
 - Mark Charlton, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, informed the group of the Corps plan to take another look at those projects that have economical data that is over 5 years old. They will go back to the local reclamation districts and see whether or not they still want to proceed; if so, they will “re-do” the economics. Mark will furnish information on those sites to the SRCA staff for distribution. In response to a question, Mark also clarified references to “No New Starts” and the process involved in funding projects from the initial study, to Congress for authorization, and then to the Appropriations Committee.
 - Sue Fry, Project Manager for the Sacramento/San Joaquin Rivers Comprehensive Study, gave an overview of the background of the Comprehensive Study and the

current direction and focus. The Study had originally looked at a “Starting Point Master Plan” but has determined the needs and interests, as well as political issues, are too varied along the river and they are now looking at regional project areas rather than the one master plan. They are writing a Comprehensive Plan and developing guiding principles to insure regional projects will be in compliance with the Plan. They will be asking for authorization for “Enhanced Flood Response” and will ask for review of their Comprehensive Plan at the same time. The Plan will be made available for review. Sue noted that projects must have consensus, or they won’t do the projects. Glenn County, with the HCCSD’s support, has requested the COE study a multiple objective project for Hamilton City under the Initial Project section of the Comprehensive Study. Sue reported the feasibility report and environmental documents on Hamilton City will be completed by December, 2003. Burt suggested the SRCAF Board support the request for the study on Hamilton City. Glenn Hawes moved that a letter be drafted supporting Glenn County’s request to the COE to study a multiple objective project for Hamilton City, signatory to be the Chairman, seconded by Dan Silva. During discussion, Tim Ramirez, The Resources Agency, suggested the letter be addressed to the Secretary of Resources, the Director of CALFED, and any state agencies that may have funding involved. The motion was passed by unanimous vote. It was noted that June 23 will be the next “Levee Festival” to be held in Hamilton City.

- Diana Jacobs, DF&G, announced they would discuss the management plans being developed for their lands at the June 27th Board meeting. They have partnered with TNC who has hired a planner. They will be conducting public scoping and looking at access issues in the planning.

4. **CALFED Proposal Discussion** – Burt presented a staff report on each of the projects that had been reviewed by the TAC. A correction was made to the agenda that these are “recommended for funding”. (1) Colusa Sub-Reach Planning, a collaborative effort between TNC and SRCAF to plan protection and restoration activities in the Colusa Sub-Reach with stakeholders. As a co-proponent, the SRCAF has been involved with the development of this project, both at the TAC and Board level, from its inception as one consistent with the goals and principles of the Handbook. (2) Feasibility Study/Preliminary Design of Positive Barrier Fish Screen at Sutter Mutual Pumping Plan near Tisdale Weir – Feasibility Study and design of a positive barrier fish screen at the Tisdale Sacramento River Location. This project was reviewed by the TAC and is consistent with the principles and guidelines of the Handbook. (3) Meridian Farms Water Company Positive Barrier Fish Screen – The objective of implementing this fish screen project is to consolidate three unscreened river diversions into one pump facility with a positive barrier fish screen. This project was not presented at the TAC, the proposal was emailed to the TAC and Board members for review. The project was determined to be consistent with the principles and guidelines of the Handbook. Denny Bungarz moved that a letter be drafted to CALFED advising that these three projects have been reviewed and determined to be consistent with the Handbook, with language specific to each project. Glenn Hawes seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote. The letter will be copied to the appropriate counties.

5. **Board Committee Reports –**

- **Executive Committee** – Discussion at the 5/23 meeting included Senator Boxer’s bill, a portion of which would upgrade 30,000 acres in Tehama and Shasta counties from an Area of Critical Environmental Concern to the Sacramento River National Conservation Area. The Committee discussed inviting a BLM representative and Friends of the River to come before the Board for informational purposes to help better understand the legislation. Bill Borrer noted Tehama County had voted no on the “wild and scenic” designation of the river. It was determined Burt would extend an invitation to both BLM and Friends of the River for the August or September Board meeting.
- **LAC Committee** – The Committee continued discussion of the draft Good Neighbor Policy at the May 21st meeting in Colusa. Ben noted it is not ready for the Board as some of the policy actions involve very difficult issues and will take more time to resolve. One possibility might be to ask the Board to accept a part of the document and then continue working on the other. The next meeting will be on June 19th, 3:00 p.m., at the Colusa Fair Board.
- **PILT/Econ Committee** – Denny Bungarz, Chair, noted the Committee did not meet in May, the next meeting will be June 10, 1:30 p.m., at the Board of Supervisor’s conference room. Denny did note there are a lot of groups that are looking at and supporting full PILT.
- **Outreach Committee** – Laura Allen, Chair, reported on the brochure that is in process. There was a meeting with Kathleen Downs to discuss picture selection; the cards, letterhead, and envelopes have been printed with the new logo. The Committee members are being contacted to set up a time to meet in June to look at a rough draft of the brochure.
- **TAC** – Anjanette Martin, Chair, reported on the project review at the May 16th meeting that included those projects that were recommended for funding as well as beginning of discussion on those “considered as directed action”. She noted the “Project Fact Sheets” were used by the proponents to provide project information to the TAC.

6. **Manager’s Report** – Burt Bundy, Manager, reported that discussion has begun on Woodson Bridge and the possibility of asking the COE to engage in two studies, a Section 1135 Study for restoration of previous COE work and a Section 14 Study for erosion protection.

Brochures were made available to the Board of the California Water Plan Update 2003.

Trust for Public Lands had a dedication on May 18th for the Fenwood acquisition in Shasta County.

A question was raised about election of officers to be held at the June meeting and whether there would be names available before hand. It was determined a nominating committee would work on that and email names out for consideration before the meeting. Denny Bungarz, Bill Borrer, Ben Carter and Dan Silva volunteered to serve on the committee.

Tim Ramirez commented on two letters received by CALFED, one from the SRCAF and one from NCWA, regarding the public comment period. He suggested it would help the process and

increase the level of understanding for all parties if a CALFED representative came before either the TAC or Board to discuss.

The Board will make a decision as to whether or not to have a July Board meeting at the June meeting; at that time it will be better able to determine if there is business that is time-sensitive.

7. Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be a barbeque at Tehama County River Park, Woodson Bridge, on June 27th at 4:00 p.m. The SRCAF staff will email Board members prior to the meeting to get attendance numbers; Burt noted spouses are also invited.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Brown